The amount spent, since inception of the programme, 1977-78, till 1994-95 was Rs. 3312.68 lakhs and Rs. 43926.21 lakhs in case of Gujarat and Rajasthan respectively. The area treated under the three core sectors viz. land development water resources development & afforestation and pasture development during the same period was 0.54 lakh ha. and 3.57 lakh ha. in Gujarat and Rajastahn respectively.

Besides, following three schemes are also being implemented in Gujarat and Rajasthan by the Department of Wasteland Development for development of non forest wasteland through land based activities:—

(i) Integrated Wastelands Development Project (IWDP).

(ii) Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Agencies, and

(iii) Technology Development, Extension and Training (TDET).

Expenditure and physical achievement under these schemes during the last two years i.e. 1994-95 and 1995-96 in the States of Gujarat and Rajasthan are given below:—

Scheme	Gujarat		Rajasthan	
	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)	Achievement (in ha.)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)	Achievement (in ha.)
1. IWDP	872.32	50,089	1012.99	47,685
2. Grants-in-Aid	8.11	108	26.52	354
3. TDET	97.11	800	333.84	1,049

Poaching of Lions in Gir Forests

2597. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has beendrawn to rempant illegal poaching of lions in the Gir Forests;

(b) if so, how many cases of poaching of lions from Gir Forest reserves have come to light during 1994, 1995 and 1996 so far; and

(c) what steps have been taken to effectively prevent such poaching of the endangered Gir lions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) There is no rampant poaching of lions in the Gir forests of Gujarat. The cases of lion poaching detected in the last 3 years is as under:

1994-95 —Nil
1995-96 —2
1996-97 —3 (upto June, 1996)

(c) The State Government have reported that necessary steps have been taken to strengthen the existing protection and conservation measures for Gir lions. These include: Strengthening enforcement system, including wireless network; implementing ecodevelopment programme; developing habital for wildlife; and deploying additional manpower to strengthen the protection measures. Besides, in the poaching cases mentioned above, 13 persons were arrested, 3 guns were seized, 3 forest officials suspended,

and a complaint filed in the Court of Law.

Review of cases of supersession of SC/ST in Railways

2598. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is laid down in Chapter XIX of Brochure of Reservation for SCs and STs in Railway services—3rd Edition—1983 that in case of supersession of Group A and within Group A posts, it is required to be reviewed by the Minister for Railways/Minister of State for Railways/Dy. Minister for Railways, as the case may be;

(b) how it is justified not get reviewed the supersession through the Agency created to watch the implementation of the Reservation Rules; and

(c) Will it be unjust and unfair to entrust the review duties to those who are doing the work of promotions and likely to commit the omissions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In case of promotions to and within Group 'A' the selections are conducted by UPSC/a high level DPC consisting of officers of the level of Principal Secretary/Secretary to Government of India. These selections are objective and fair and cases of SC/ST officers are considered with due care. The recommendations of the UPSC/DPC are submitted to the Minister of Railways for approval. A review by another agency after the penal is approved by the Minister of Railways is, therefore, not considered necessary.

(c) The function of recommending suitable officers for promotion is performed by the UPSC/DPC. The recommendations of the UPSC/DPC are submitted to the Minister of Railways for approval. The recommending and accepting authorities are thus different and therefore the procedure is neither unjust nor unfair.

Foreign Grants to NGOs

2599. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise name and the number of non-Governmental organisations;

(b) whether some of those organisations are getting foreign grants;

(c) if so, the details of the foreign grants received by those organisations during the Seventh and Eighth Plan; and

(d) what specific social work has been taken up by those organisations during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI R[illegible]): State-wise details of the non-Governmental organisations are not maintained centrally. Organisations receiving foreign grants are reporting their receipts under the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

(c) and (d) These organisations may have educational, cultural, health, social, developmental activities etc. as their objectives. The details of the foreign grants received by these organisations during the Seventh and Eighth Plan are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ICDS Projects in Karnataka

2600. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) projects sanctioned for Karnataka during the last two years and so far in the current years;

(b) the details of assistance provided by the Central Government during the period mentioned above; and